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Dear CT PHC Testimony,

Dear Senator Gerratana, Representative Johnson, and esteemed members of the Public Health Committee:

I write to ask you to strongly support and vote in the affirmative to add bill language for the modernization of the CT Naturopathic physician scope of practice to HB 5537. The language needs to be attached to this bill so it can come before the Public Health Committee for consideration. This Naturopathic scope of practice law is 90 years old and has not kept pace with the significant advances in education and training of Naturopathic doctors in the ensuing decades.

I beleive it is important for people to have the opportunity and have available to them the benefits of Naturopathic therapies to enable them to be the healthiest they can be which can lead to prevention of illness or diseases. There is a place for medical doctors as well as naturapathic doctors. The best formula is when they can work together for the best well rounded care.

I have MS and my Naturopathic doctor has helped me immensely in making my body work the best it can. (I wish my insurance company could realize it's benefits as well; it can be so much cheaper!)

Thank you for your support and consideration.

Sincerely, Kathleen Odell